

Society of Zoar Separatists

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1. What the Census can tell you

Individual records from the federal population censuses are confidential for 72 years, by law (Title 44, U.S. Code). Thus, April 2022 is the scheduled date for the National Archives to open the 1950 records to public use.

*Caveat: Ancestry.com has a 1950 Census substitute that may have helpful info

1820 Name of family head; age; sex; race; foreigners not naturalized; slaves; industry (agriculture, commerce, and manufactures).

1830 Name of family head; age; sex; race; foreigners not naturalized; slaves; industry.

1840 Name of family head; age; sex; race; slaves; number of deaf and dumb; number of blind; number of insane and idiotic and whether in public or private charge; number of persons in each family employed in each of six classes of industry and one of occupation; literacy; pensioners for Revolutionary or military service.

1850 Name; age; sex; race; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; value of real estate; occupation; birthplace; whether married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether a pauper or convict. Supplemental schedules for slaves, and persons who died during the year.

1860 Name; age; sex; race; value of real estate; value of personal estate; occupation; birthplace; whether married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb; blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict. Supplemental schedules for slaves, and persons who died during the year.

1870 Name; age; race; occupation; value of real estate; value of personal estate; birthplace; whether parents were foreign born; month of birth if born within the year; month of marriage if married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; male citizens 21 and over, and number of such persons denied the right to vote for other than rebellion. Supplemental schedule for persons who died during the year.

1880 Address; name, relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; month of birth if born within the census year; occupation; months unemployed during the year; sickness or temporary disability; whether blind, deaf and dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise disabled; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents. Supplemental schedules for persons who died during the year.

1890 General schedules—destroyed. Supplemental schedules for Union veterans of the Civil War and their widows.

*Caveat: Ancestry.com is working on an 1890 Census substitute that may have helpful info

1900 Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years married; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration and whether naturalized; occupation; months not employed; school attendance; literacy; ability to speak English; whether on a farm; home owned or rented and if owned, whether mortgaged.

1910 Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years of present marriage for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and whether able to speak English, or if not, language spoken; occupation, industry, and class of worker; if an employee, whether out of work during year; literacy; school attendance; home owned or rented; if owned, whether mortgaged; whether farm or house; whether a survivor of Union or Confederate Army or Navy; whether blind or deaf and dumb.

1920 Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; if foreign born, year of immigration to the U.S., whether naturalized, and year of naturalization; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue of foreign born; ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; home owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged.

1930 Address; name; relationship to family head; home owned or rented; value or monthly rental; radio set; whether on a farm; sex; race; age; marital status; age at first marriage; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign-born language spoken in home before coming to U.S., year of immigration, whether naturalized, and ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; whether at work previous day (or last regular working day); veteran status; for Indians, whether of full or mixed blood, and tribal affiliation.

1940 Address; home owned or rented; value or monthly rental; whether on a farm; name; relationship to household head; sex; race; age; marital status; school attendance; educational attainment; birthplace; citizenship of foreign born; location of residence 5 years ago and whether on a farm; employment status; if at work, whether in private or nonemergency government work, or in public emergency work (WPA, CCC, NYA, etc.); if in private work, hours worked in week; if seeking work or on public emergency work, duration of unemployment; occupation, industry, and class of worker; weeks worked last year, income last year.

(source: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2000pubs/cff-2.pdf>)

- Enumeration of Zoar: Zoar was not always enumerated as a separate village. In 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1870 it was included under Lawrence Township; some members were found in Sandy and Fairfield townships as well.
- names of 346 members were found in Census records

2. Zoar Society Member spreadsheet

- Alphabetized by name with variations in spelling listed in a column next to the names. Spelling of last names were standardized if evidence showed they were of the same family (i.e. Kimmerly, Kemmerly = Kuemmerle). I tried to retain the German spelling unless the spelling change dominates the records (i.e. Bimeler is dominant over Baumler)
- I included a column stating in which Census members can be found. Census records can be found on Ancestry.com and familysearch.org

- I only gave rows to members. All non-member descendants of members are listed in the children or grandchildren column with (NM) beside their name. Non-members associated with society but *not* related are not included.
- Printouts from Fernandez database (Census occupations, marriage data, and membership data) have been consolidated into the spreadsheet. She did mention these had been updated since they were printed, but that information is currently unavailable. I was able to remove some duplicates and erroneous information.
- I tried to include source information for each stated fact, sometimes in the column header, sometimes in the notes field. All of my membership information is taken from secondary sources; I have not seen any original member lists. As such, the information may not be 100% accurate.
- Any “family tree” referenced can be found in the filing cabinet at Zoar under the appropriate last name. Sources of information for these trees are rarely credited by the tree creator.
- Sometimes facts were unclear: they varied according to source or were documented incompletely. Fields highlighted in yellow signify uncertainty. An entire row highlighted means the membership status and/or name is uncertain.

3. Suggestions for further research

- I think a good next step would be to put this information (and other available family tree info) into a family tree software program. I have reviewed some programs, and I recommend Legacy family tree software vs Family Tree Maker (Ancestry). Legacy has more freedom (i.e. not tied to Ancestry’s website and rules), it is cheaper, it provides free and discounted upgrades, and it is better for a larger number of families.
- It would also be nice to include as much descendant information in this spreadsheet as is available. It was simply not possible to get everyone’s descendants (outside of the Zoar Census) within the time frame of the project.
 - I suggest exploring Ancestry’s Census substitutes for 1890 (when available) and 1950, and other vital records
- Many members arrived later than 1817; it would be a good idea to include ships and dates for every immigrant member
- Verifying membership using original documents is essential to the integrity of this project. Locating a “membership roll” at OHC in Columbus (referred to by Nixon) and noting the names would add authority to our list. Any birth/ death/marriage records kept by the Society would also help settle date disputes.
- A new long term goal would be to make this information available and easily accessible to Zoar researchers and Society descendants. To this end, I suggest we
 - Identify and locate as many original sources as possible (OHC Columbus, Western Reserve Historical Society)

- create comprehensive bibliography of sources pertaining to SZS (including condition and location)
- Using EndNote (or similar software), create a searchable bibliography of member names from spreadsheet data.
- Upload member and source bibliographies to Zoar Community Association website

4. Pertinent facts about Zoar Society

- Family and relationships: Children did not always grow up with parents, even if parents were still living. Some moved around to where they were needed, sometimes with blood relatives but not always. Emelia/Amelia Burkhart (1854-1927), Society Member, lived with John Kuecherer and his family since she was 16 in 1870, working in the bakery. The 1920 Census identifies her as “servant for John Kuecherer.” She lived with the family for at least fifty years, they were both Society members, yet it appears there were different classes within the society. It is difficult to track parentage through Census in years that don’t give a relationship among household members. Many widowed parents moved in with their children.
- Society had at least one set of twins: Salome Heid and Salomon Rauschenberger (both listed on 1850, 1860, and 1870 Census)
- Many (Magdalena) Kern descendants migrated to Canton, OH.
- Descendants have been found in the following states: Ohio, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Nevada
- Intermarried families:
 - *Ackerman-Breymaier-Burkhart-Ehlers-Fritz-Goesele-Kuecherer-Lassing-Miller-Ruof-Silvan- Sturm
 - *App-Burkhart-Fritz
 - *Beiter-Buehler-Burkhart-Kern-Kuecherer-Kuemmerle-Lassing-Rieker-Ruof
 - *Bimeler-Dishinger-Huber-Kern-Kuecherer-Peterman-Rauschenberger-Rieker-Roth-Ruof- Silvan- Vetter
 - *Birk-Beiter-Zimmerman
 - *Boehringer-Goesele
 - *Breil-Burkhart-Harr-Kappel-Notter-Ruof
 - *Breymaier-Breil-Burkhart-Lassing-Peterman-Rieker-Ruof
 - *Brunny-Miller/Muller-Naedele-Rauschenberger-Roth-Silvan
 - *Buehler-Beiter-Neef
 - *Burkhart-Ackerman-App-Beiter-Bimeler-Breil-Breymaier-Fritz-Heid-Kuecherer-Lassing-Peterman
 - *Dischinger-Bimeler-Kappel-Roth
 - *Ehlers-Ackerman-Breymaier-Lassing-Rieker-Silvan

*Fakir-Brunny-Rauschenberger-Silvan
*Fritz-Ackerman-App-Burkhart-Harr-Kappel-Kuecherer-Lassing-Peterman-Silvan
*Gauterbein-Lassing-Strobel
*Gisler-Bimeler
*Goesele-Ackerman-Boehringer-Strobel
*Grotzinger-Ackerman-Breymaier-Miller-Rauschenberger
*Harr-Breil-Breymaier-fritz-Rieker-Silvan-Wild
*Harrington-Breymaier-Rieker
*Heid-Huber-Miller-Rauschenberger
*Heintz-Breil-Kappel
*Hoyh-Breymaier-Lassing
*Kappel-Ackerman-Breil-Dischinger-Kuemmerle-Peterman-Roth-Sturm
*Kern-Ackerman-Beiter-Bimeler-Breil-Huber-Rieker
*Kuecherer-Ackerman-Bieter-Bimeler-Breymaier-Fritz-Lassing-Miller-Peterman-Rauschenberger-Rieker-Sturm
*Kuemmerle-Beiter-Bimeler-Kappel-Miller-Rauschenberger-Rieker-Ruof
*Lenhart-Brunny-Silvan
*Miller-Ackerman-Breymaier-Grotzinger-Heid-Kuecherer-Kuemmerle-Rauschenberger-Ruof-Vetter
*Notter-Breil-Kappel-Rieker
*Peterman-Kappel-Ruof-Zimmerman
*Rauschenberger-Ackerman-Bimeler-Breymaier-Brunny-Fakir-Grotzinger-Heid-Kuemmerle-Kuecherer-Miller-Rieker-Ruof-Vetter
*Rieker-Beiter-Bimeler-Breymaier-Fritz-Harr-Kern-Kuecherer-Lassing-Peterman-Silvan-Sturm
*Roth-Ott
*Ruckstuhl-Zeeb
*Ruof-Ackerman-Beiter-Bimeler-Breil-Breymaier-Miller-Peterman-Rieker-Zimmerman
*Seitz-Ehlers
*Silvan-Ackerman-Bimeler-Brunny-Ehlers-Fritz-Harr-Huber-Lassing-Sturm-Vetter-Wild
*Strobel-Gauterbein-Goesele-Lassing
*Sturm-Ackerman-Kappel-Kuecherer-Peterman-Rieker-Silvan
*Vetter-Miller
*Waltz-Harr
*Wiebel-Fritz
*Wild-Harr-Silvan
*Zimmerman-Birk-Peterman-Ruof
*Zollars-Goesele-Strobel